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Eric Cochrane

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Dear Eric,

Thank you for your application for Fall 2018 admission to the Evergreen State College Master of Public Administration program.

The MPA Admissions Committee has reviewed your file carefully, and we regret that we are unable to offer you admission for Fall 2018.

While we don’t provide specific information about any particular applicant’s application, we can share these common reasons for denying applicants this year:

* Grade point average (GPA) below 3.0
* Lack of work or volunteer experience in the public administration field
* Insufficient demonstration that the Evergreen MPA program is the right graduate program for the applicant (typically demonstrated in the Statement of Purpose)
* Statement of Purpose and/or Public Policy essay problematic (poorly written, poorly argued, lackluster, did not follow directions)
* Taken as a whole, application materials were not of high enough quality in comparison with the high quality of the application pool

If you are still interested in the program, you may apply again next year: applicants do apply again and get admitted. We expect that Fall 2019 applications will be accepted beginning October 1, 2018, with an anticipated priority deadline of February 1, 2019. Complete instructions will be available via our MPA “Application & Requirements” page at this link: [http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/apply](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/apply.htm)

We appreciate your interest in the Master of Public Administration program and wish you great success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Doreen Swetkis, PhD

Director, MPA Program & Member of the Faculty

The Evergreen State College